

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Response, claims 2-11 and 13-20 remain pending in the present application. Claims 2-11, and 13-17 have been amended, and claims 18-20 have been added herein. Applicant requests reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

Claims 2-11, and 13-17 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated over U.S. Patent 5,953,733 issued to Langford-Wilson (hereafter "Langford"). Anticipation under §102 "requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claim under construction." W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. v. Garlock, Inc., 220 USPQ 303, 313 (Fed. Cir. 1983). For the reasons that follow, Applicant asserts that Langford fails to show or suggest each of the elements of claims 2-11 and 13-17 as amended herein. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 2-11 and 13-17 be withdrawn.

To begin, claim 2 has been amended so as to state as follows:

2. A system for pruning an article, comprising:
a processor circuit having a processor and a memory;
and
an original article comprising an amount of text;
article pruning logic stored on the memory and
executable by the processor, the article pruning logic comprising logic
to automatically reduce a length of the original article to fit within a
predefined space allocation of a publication comprising:
logic to create a pruning copy of the original article to be
reduced;
logic to **remove an amount of text from the pruning
copy**, thereby creating a reduced pruning copy, **wherein an amount
of text in the reduced pruning copy is less than the amount of text
in the original article**;
logic to **determine an informational adequacy of the
text of the reduced pruning copy relative to the text of the original
article**.

The invention as set forth in claim 2 provides for the removal of an amount of text from the pruning copy of the article, thereby creating the reduced pruning copy that has less text than the original article. Also, the invention as set forth in claim 2 provides for determining the informational adequacy of the text of the reduced pruning copy **relative to the text of the original article**. Applicant asserts that Langford fails to show or suggest at least these elements.

In particular, the Section, Layout Style, and Layout Family of Langford refer to portions of a publication and appearances of each portion. The layout children and

layout cousins define layouts associated with copyholes in a publication. Such copyholes ultimately populated with text or images, etc. They are not articles comprising text as claimed in claim 2. In this regard, Applicants makes reference to the remarks in the Response to the Office Action of July 13, 2004. Also, Langford does not show or suggest **removal of text from these articles** to create reduced pruning copies as claimed. Nor does Langford show or suggest determining the informational adequacy of the text of the reduced pruning copy ***relative to the text of the original article*** as claimed.

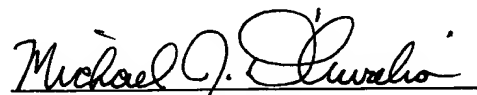
Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claim 2 as amended be withdrawn. Also, Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 7 and 13 be withdrawn to the extent that these claims include subject matter similar in scope with that of claim 2 above. Also, Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 3-6, 8-11, 14-17 be withdrawn as depending from claims 2, 7, and 13, respectively.

In addition, it is noted that claims 3-6, 8-11, and 14-17 have been amended herein to accord with the amendments to claims 2, 7, and 13, respectively, and to provide for greater accuracy in claiming the present invention. Also, claims 18-20 have been added herein to further claim various embodiments of the present invention. Favorable action with respect to claims 18-20 is requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections be withdrawn and that this application and all presently pending claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

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